(b) if so, what steps are being taken to implement this assurance;

(c) what steps are being taken to create a single window clearance for power projects in order to avoid delay in processing in different Departments; and

(d) what is the number of power projects pending for clearance and how much power generation is anticipated from these projects?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) Yes Sir. In the Power Minister's Conference held on 4-4-1992, Prime Minister assured a decision on 11 power projects which are pending for want of Environmental Clearance.

(b) Out of these, 4 projects have been cleared by Ministry of Environment and Forests and the remaining seven projects are under examination. Efforts are being made to resolve the issues which are holding up the clearance of these projects.

(c) There is no proposal of this Ministry for creating a single window clearance for power projects.

(d) 99 Power projects are pending with the Government for various clearances. The installed capacity of these projects is 47388.20 MW.

Pending Hydro-Electric Power Projects

2037. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that while about 90 per cent of surface water in Uttar Pradesh has remained unutilised, there has been increasing dependence on various sources of energy like thermal power and atomic power, other than hydel power;

(b) what are the details of pending hydro-electric power projects in Uttar Pradesh in particular and in the northern grid in general, indicating the stage of their implementation; and

(c) what steps are contemplated to utilise the hydel power potential relating to surface water in Uttar Pradesh in particular and in northern grid in general under the Eighth Five Year Plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) The hydro-electric potential of Uttar Pradesh has been assessed as 9744 MW. The hydro-electric schemes in operation in the State have developed 11.5 per cent of the estimated potetial. The schemes under construction would further develop a potential of 29.85 per cent.

(b) 30 hydro-electric projects in the Northern Region with a total capacity of 7171.25 MW are presently under various stages of construction of which 8 hydro-electric schemes with a total capacity of 2842.5 MW are located in Uttar Pradesh.

(c) 17 hydro-electric schemes in the Northern Region with a total capacity of 2568.25 MW have been included for benefits during the 8th plan period of which 4 hydro-electric schemes with a total installation of 1108.5 MW are located in Uttar Pradesh.

Losses to SEBs and NTPC

2038. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 1846 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 10th December, 1991 and state:

(a) what is the cumulative losses of the State Electricity Boards as well as NTPC upto 31st March, 1992; and

(b) what are the details of total overdues to be recovered by these organisations as on the 31st March, 1992?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) Accounts for the year 1991-92 have not so far been received from the SEBs. The cumulative commercial losses after taking into account the subsidy as provided in the accounts of the SEBs as on 31-3-91 were Rs. 4975.03 crores. NTPC has shown profit every year since its first unit was commissined in 1982-83

(b) Outstanding dues payable by various SEBs/ States to various Corporations under the Ministry of Power as on 31-3-92 were as follows:

Organisation	*Rs. in crore*
NTPC	1160.54
NHPC	197.40
DVC	504.76
NEEPCO	96.17
REC	190.44
PFC	51.84
Total :	2201.15

Proposal from Uttar Pradesh Government for Setting up Thermal Power Project at Ballia

2039. SHRI SOM PAL:
DR. NAUNIHAL SINGH:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have recieved a proposal from Uttar Pradesh for setting up of a thermal power project at Belthare Road in Ballia;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) since when the proposal is pending and by when it is likely to be cleared?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) to (c) The Project Feasibility Report for installation of 3x250 MW Thermal Power Project at an estimated cost of Rs. 1694.34 Crores at Belthara Road, District Ballia, Uttar Pradesh was received from UP State Electricity Board in November, 1991. While the State Authorities have confirmed the availability of water, the other essential inputs such as coal linkage, associated transmission system and requisite clearances including clearance from environmental angle have yet to be obtained by them. The scheme is not in a state of readiness for techno-economic appraisal. The scheme could be accorded techno-economic clearance by the Central Electricity Authority after all the essential inputs/clearances have been tied up by the State Authorities.

Transmission and Distribution loss Incurred by Andhra Pradesh State Electricity Board

2040. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 3480 given in the Rajya Sabha or 24th March, 1991 and state:

(a) what is the average transmission and distribution loss of power in the year 1991-92 in Andhra Pradesh State Electricity Board; and

(b) what steps are being taken to reduce transmission and distribution losses of power in Andhra Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) The average transmission and distribution loss of power for the year 1991-92 in Andhra Pradesh State Electricity Board is (approximately) 19.31 per cent.

(b) to reduce transmission and distribution losses, comprehensive guidelines have been issued to the power utilities including Andhra Pradesh State Electricity Board. These include, inter-alia, conducting of energy audits